

**US, West Virginia
Naturalization Records
1814 - 1991**

Tips to help on this project

The following are the different types of documents that you will be indexing:

- Petition for Naturalization
- Petition, Oath of Witnesses, and Final Oath
- Oath of Allegiance
- Declaration of Intention
- Naturalization Card File
- Certificate of Naturalization Stub
- Facts for Petition for Naturalization
- Petition for Citizenship

If the image you are working on does not contain one of these documents, it is marked as No Extractable Data.

Printing out the Project Information can be very helpful as there are different ways to handle different documents.

If there are two or more required documents for the same person on an image combine the information into the most complete record.

If there are two different Event Years recorded, the latest year is used.

There are many overlays in this project. Look for the required document with the most complete information visible to index.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

I, Kapuscik, do declare on oath that my person is white, complexion light, height 5 feet 6 inches, color of hair dark brown, color of eyes brown, and no other marks.

In the City of LA SALLE COUNTY, Illinois, on the 15 day of September, 1921.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

I, the Honorable the County Court of Logan County, West Virginia.

The position of Peter Kapuscik.

First. My place of residence is Logan County, West Virginia.

Second. My occupation is mining.

Third. I was born on the 15 day of January, 1890, at Janowitz.

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Hanau, Germany, on or about the 17 day of September, 1909, and arrived in the United States, at the port of New York, on the 31 day of September, 1909, on the vessel Pennsylvania.

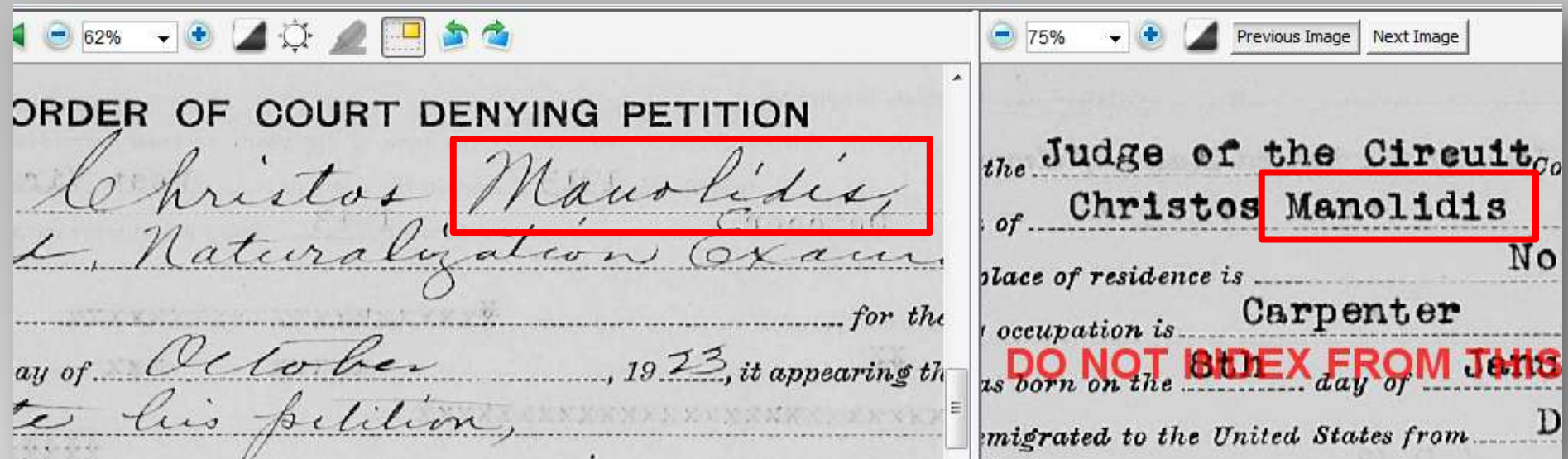
I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 15 day of September, 1921.

Peter Kapuscik
(Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

Attest: Blank from Department of Commerce and Labor filed this 14 day of June, 1921.

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES.

Often, the Declaration of Intent and the Petition for Naturalization are both on the same image. When they appear on the same image, index the Declaration of Intent and the Petition for Naturalization as **one record**. Use the most complete information from either record to index the fields. The information on the Petition for Naturalization takes precedence. On this record, Logan County would be the event county indexed. The event year would be taken from the Petition for Naturalization.



This project may have several documents relating to each other. This permits comparing information for the most accurate results. For example, you can compare letters you are not sure of. Is that the letter **n** or the letter **u** in Ma?olidis. The question is answered on another document.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

Mike Sherin

TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Filed

Mar 29, 19*26*

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to *The Czechoslovak Republic* the of whom I have heretofore been a subject; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in open Court, this *20* day of *July*, A. D. 19*27*.

Mike Sherin

Shirley Smith Clerk
By Matthew E. ...

NOTE.—In renunciation of title of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is executed: "I further renounce the title of (give title), an order of nobility, which I have heretofore held."

Place of Birth and Event Year

Do not assume a birth place from the place of allegiance.

Look over the entire document to locate the event year for the record. Index the latest date.

No. 59.

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

In the Honorable the Circuit Court of Logan County, West Virginia hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:
 The petition of Peter Kopuscik
 First. My place of residence is Ysgyn Logan County, West Virginia.
 Second. My occupation is Mining.
 Third. I was born on the 15 day of January, anno Domini 1890, at Jarwanzno, Austria.
 Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Hamburg, Germany, on or about the 17 day of December, anno Domini 1909, and arrived in the United States, at the port of New York, on the 31 day of December, anno Domini 1909, on the vessel Pennsylvania.
 (If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance and name of transportation company should be given.)

I declare my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 15 day of September, anno Domini 1915, at Ottawa, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County.
 Sixth. I am married. My wife's name is Julia Ysgyn WVa. She was born in Penn Illinois, and now resides at Ysgyn WVa.
 I have three children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:
 Edward, 5-5-1915, Penn Ill, Ysgyn, WVa
 Stanley, 3-24-1917, Ysgyn WVa, " "
 Leonard, 2-27-1919, " " " "

Seventh. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of, or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Austria-Hungary to the independent State Serbia of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States.

Some documents include names of additional family members. We **do not** add additional records.

Let's take a look at how some images would be indexed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
Carl Diggelle
TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FILE January 24 1902

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, sovereign, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to _____ the _____ of _____ of which I have heretofore been a subject, (and that I further renounce the title of _____ on order of nativity, which I have heretofore held); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in open Court, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____.

[Blank] _____ Clerk.

ORDER OF COURT ADMITTING PETITIONER

Upon consideration of the petition of Carl Diggelle and affidavits in support thereof, and further testimony taken in open Court, it is ordered that the said petitioner be admitted to citizenship, and hereby is admitted a citizen of the United States of America, this _____ day of January, A. D. 1902.

It is further ordered, upon consideration of the petition of the said _____ that he waive to, and hereby is, admitted to, under authority of the provisions of section 8 of an act entitled "An Act to establish a Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, and to provide for a uniform rule for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States," approved June 28, 1900.

By the Court: _____

This Oath of Allegiance is filled out but not signed—it would be indexed. It is the only document that would be indexed from this image.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

ORIGINAL 5

Carl Diggelle
Citizen of the United States of America.

Carl Diggelle
I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, sovereign, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to _____ the _____ of _____ of which I have heretofore been a subject, (and that I further renounce the title of _____ on order of nativity, which I have heretofore held); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in open Court, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____.

[Blank] _____ Clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, sovereign, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to King of Great Britain, and I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

Michael Barron

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in open Court, this 22nd day of May, A. D. 1923.

[Faint handwritten text, mostly illegible]

Form 211a. (To be filled out by the petitioner before the taking of the oath of naturalization.) See Rule 21, Department of Justice, Regulations 24.4002.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

Petitioner No. 1
Court of Immigration and Naturalization
In the matter of the petition of Michael Barron to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

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Certificate of Naturalization, No. 16642, issued on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1923.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

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ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP

No. _____

To the Honorable the Circuit Court of Marion County at Fairmont
The petition of Hyrc Lopuszanski, hereby filed, reads:

(1) My place of residence is Farmington, Marion County, West Virginia
(Name of new street) (City or town) (County)

(2) My occupation is coal miner (3) I was born in Sirgsambura, Austria
(City or town) (State or country)

on June 1888 My race is Austrian (4) I declared my intention
(Month) (Day) (Year)

citizen of the United States on Oct. 3, 1925 in the Circuit
(Month) (Day) (Year)

of Marion County, at Fairmont, West Virginia

(5) I am Yes married. The name of my wife is Pauline
we were married on Dec. 1915 at Four States, W. Va.
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State or country)

born at Lesko, Austria on _____; entered the
(City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year)

at New York City on July 1914 for permanent residence in
(City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year)

The Circuit
Hyrc Lopuszanski
place of residence is Farmington

Harry Loupinchunsky
Miner

No. 2345

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

☒ Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

State of West Virginia In the Circuit
County of Marion ss: of Fairmont

I, Harry Loupinchunsky, aged 37

occupation Miner, do declare on oath that my

description is: Color White, complexion Fair, height 5 feet 6

weight 160 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Blue

other visible distinctive marks None

I was born in Stary Sambur, Austria

on the -- day of May, anno Domini 1888; I now

Here are two documents about the same person. As you can see the name has been "Americanized".

Both names would be entered in the following manner:

Given Name: Hyrc or Harry
Surname: Lopuszanski or
Loupinchunsky

Invalid for all purposes seven years after

State of West Virginia } In the _____
 County of Marion } ss: _____
 of _____

Joseph Thomas

ation _____ miner _____, do decl

ption is: Color **white** _____, complexion _____ **fair**

t **165** pounds, color of hair **brown** _____, color

visible distinctive marks _____ **none**

In this case the name recorded on the document and the person's signature are different.

Given Name: Joseph or Jozef
 Surname: Thomas or Tamas

of America and to permanently

Joseph Thomas

(Original signature of dec)

to before me in the office

COUNTY OF MARION } ss: of MARION COUNTY at FAIRMONT, W.
I, Mrs. Mary Deak, maiden name Miss Mary Hencz
(Full true name, without abbreviation, and any other name which has been used, must appear here)
now residing at P.O. BOX #184 Carolina, Marion County, W. Va.
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State)
occupation Housewife, aged 37 years, do declare on oath that my personal description
Sex Female, color white, complexion Fair, color of eyes Brown.
color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 3 inches; weight 155 pounds; visible distinctive

This surname would be recorded as Hencz Deak